

A COMMISSIONER'S WIFE

Appointed Janitress of the Ritchie Public School.

THE PRINCIPALS AND TEACHERS

Appointed for the ensuing year—The increase in the Tax Valuation Enables the Board of Education to Reduce the Levy below Last Year's. An Alleged Decrease in the Population of the City.

When the board of education came to order yesterday evening President Jepson was not on hand and Col. J. A. Miller was elected president pro tem. Dr. Jepson came later.

Accounts aggregating \$34 37 were ordered paid. The committee on the teaching of German reported that it had visited the schools and was much pleased with the progress made by the pupils. The following teachers of German were nominated by the committee and confirmed by the board: Miss Minnie Neuhard, First and Seventh wards; Miss Lena Riegel, Second and Third wards; Miss Anna Looser, Fifth and Sixth wards; Mrs. F. A. Bertachy, Eighth ward school and annex, and Mrs. T. K. Krauter, Fourth ward and Lincoln schools.

The committee on buildings and grounds reported that the contract for the Fourth ward school had expired September 1, 1891, and had not yet been completed, nor that it would likely be by the beginning of the school year. The roof having been removed from the old building, and the interior damaged, the committee asked that it be authorized to employ an attorney to take whatever action was necessary. The request was granted, and contractors bills for the Webster school, aggregating \$4,400, were ordered paid. A bill of Supervising Giesey for \$137 was also ordered paid.

APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL TEACHERS.

The report of the commissioners of the different schools, recommending the appointment of the following principals and teachers were approved:

Union school—Principal James M. Hammond. Grammar room, Emma Anderson; Assistant Grammar room, Grace English. Division A, grade 1, Georgia B. Pender; division A, grade 2, Lizzie Downs; division B, grade 1, Maria Ellingham; division B, grade 2, Mattie Shields; division C, grade 1, Ida Deiters; division C, grade 2, Anna B. Growthers; division D, grade 1, Ella Robinson; division D, grade 2, M. McCulloch; division E, grade 1, Amy Chapline; division E, grade 2, Lizzie D. Carmack; division F, grade 1, Katherine Myers; division F, grade 2, Kate Wells, Rose Kraus, N. B. Downs, Ada Noble, Janitor, Mrs. Mary Downey.

Ritchie School—Principal, Miss Decie L. Hamilton; grammar school teachers, Sarah A. Scott and Emma J. Steinbicker; division A, grade 1, Belle J. Devine; A, grade 2, Emma Klein; B, grade 1, Louisa Zimmer; B, grade 2, Maggie C. Howard; C, grade 1, Adah E. Lewis; C, grade 2, Maggie J. Craig; D, grade 1, Amelia J. Specht; D, grade 2, Ella J. Stephens; E, grade 1, Jennie Kurner; E, grade 2, Caddie Watt; F, grade 1, Alma M. Wilson.

Ritchie annex—Division A, grade 1, Elizabeth Bickerton; division B, grade 1, Mollie Blake; grade 2, Annie Johnson; division C, grade 1, Emma Sonderman; grade 2, Jennie McGowan; division D, grade 1, Belle Kane; grade 2, Nettie L. Grabe; grade 3, Annie Honecker. Substitutes, Katie Campbell and Annie Baum. Janitress for annex, Mrs. Altmyer; for main building, Mrs. Emma Eschtruth.

Clay School—Principal, Lizzie Cloban; grammar teacher, Emma J. Stephens; assistant grammar teachers, Virginia L. Hopkins and Mary A. Davis. Division A, grade 1, Fanny P. Brady; grade 2, Mrs. Miriam Dean. Division B, grade 1, Mary A. Bailie; grade 2, Carrie C. Zane. Division C, grade 1, L. H. McKennan; grade 2, Jane McCulloch. Division D, grade 1, Flora Harvey; grade 2, Mary E. Swift; grade 3, Ethel Sage. Clay School Annex—Division B, grade 3, Luella Wallace; division C, grade 3, Carrie B. Evans; division D, grade 4, Minnie McGee. Substitutes, Mary C. Miller and Amelia Reich. Janitress, main building, Mrs. Margaret Fitton; annex, Mrs. Mary Gillespie.

Washington School—M. P. Harper, principal. B. C. Ryan, grammar room; Robinson, assistant; L. Frow, division A, grade 1; M. White, grade 2. Division B, grade 1, M. Armstrong; grade 2, T. McDonald. M. Francis, division C, grade 1; grade 2, S. Greer; grade 3, M. Hart. Division D, grade 1, M. Kuhn; grade 2, K. Roberts; grade 3, Edith Veith; grade 4, B. Fox; grade 5, M. Hanes.

Madison School—A. M. Stevenson, principal; Julia M. Wiley, grammar school; Annie Reeves, first assistant; Nedra L. Dean, second assistant; Virginia Norton, division A, grade 1; Kate Hall, division A, grade 2; Jennie C. Harvey, division A, grade 3; Alice English, division B, grade 1; Annie Ewing, division B, grade 2; Mrs. M. Burt, division B, grade 3; Hannah Whalley, division C, grade 1; Kate Wincher, division C, grade 2; Estella Hull, division C, grade 3; Minta Foster, division C, grade 4; Lizzie Tappan, division D, grade 1; Mary Faria, division D, grade 2; Mollie Poque, division D, grade 3; Mrs. M. Lynn, division D, grade 4; janitor, O. S. Chambers.

Webster school—Principal, Mary Reppetto; grammar room, Etta M. Roberts; grammar room assistant, Retta Wolvington. Ida M. Richards, division A, grade 1; Mary Hughes, division A, grade 2; Emma Bowlin, division B, grade 1; Emma Westwood, division B, grade 2; Maria McCurdy, division C, grade 1; Gail H. Holliday, division C, grade 2; Annie H. Smith, division D, grade 1; Lizzie Hamilton, division D, grade 2; Lillie Moore, division D, grade 3; Annie Seabright, division D, grade 4; Mollie Zimmer, division D, grade 5; Annie Kennedy, division D, grade 6; Lillian I. Thompson, division D, grade 7. Substitutes, Kate A. Ebeling and Agnes Carpenter. Janitor, Jerry Lebow.

Centre School—Principal, Edna E. Bingle. Grammar room, Lizzie G. Woods. Assistant, grammar room, Lizzie E. Brakman. Division A, grade 1, Fanny S. Campbell; division A, grade 2, Julia D. Wilson; division B, grade 1, Frances Stanton; division B, grade 2, Mary E. Hare; division C, grade 1, Lizzie Dunbar; division C, grade 2, Anna Boyd; division D, grade 1, Carrie M. Reed; division D, grade 2, Annie Morgan; division D, grade 3, Augusta Hamlin; division D, grade 4, Annie E. Meyer. Substitutes, Clara Forney and Julia Baum. Janitress, Lizzie Cooper. Lincoln School—Principal, J. McH. Jones; Fannie J. Barney, grammar teacher; Maud C. Baker, division A,

Sallie M. Beasley, division B; Ella S. Jones, division D; janitor, Alex. Butler.

PUBLIC SCHOOL SALARIES.

The following scale of salaries was adopted:

Principal of Lincoln, \$110 per month; principals of other schools, \$120; grammar room teachers, \$80; assistant grammar room teachers, \$50; teachers in A division, \$45; teachers in B division, \$42; teachers in C division, \$40; teachers in D division, \$39; superintendent Ritchie annex, \$50; superintendent Clay annex, \$39; German teachers, \$39; music teacher, \$30.

Janitors—Washington, \$30; Clay, \$35; Clay annex, \$12.50; Union, \$30; Centre, \$30; Webster, \$30; Madison, \$40; Ritchie, \$30; Ritchie annex, \$25, and Lincoln, \$20.

To teachers who have taught less than ten months in some graded school a salary of \$90 a month is to be paid.

Mr. Buckman said he thought the principal of the Lincoln school ought to get the same salary as the principals of the white schools. Dr. Jepson said it had been customary to allow him a salary smaller than that of the others, as he had fewer teachers under his charge. Mr. Ellingham, of the committee, said that he and his colleagues recognized that Prof. J. McHenry Jones was a first-class educator, but as he had not so much work to do, as had the other teachers, they believed \$110 per month was sufficient. Mr. Buckman's motion was defeated.

The librarian's report was adopted, showing a circulation of books during the month of 4,057; circulation per day, 156; circulation in reading room, 689, and amount collected for fines, \$10.

Carle Bros. were awarded the contract for furnishing text books during the year. Miss Lucy Robinson was re-elected teacher of music in the public schools.

A communication from Mr. George Heard, general manager of the Natural Gas company of West Virginia, stating that his company would furnish natural gas to the public schools at 15 cents per thousand cubic feet, was read. He said that he did not yet know whether the company would have sufficient gas to supply the schools. In the meantime the gas at the janitor's house would be continued.

The following estimates for next year's expenditures were adopted, as follows:

Seven principals at \$1,200	\$8,400
One principal at	1,100
One music teacher at	800
Seven grammar school teachers at	1,200
Ten assistant grammar school teachers at	5,000
Seventeen division A teachers at	7,140
Eighteen division B teachers at	7,140
Twenty-three division C teachers at	9,300
Thirty-six division D teachers at	14,040
Superintendent Ritchie annex at	500
Superintendent Clay annex at	390
Five German teachers at	1,950
Two officers of the board at	2,400
Eleven janitors at	3,250
Repairs	2,500
Continents	1,000
Fuel and light	500
Furniture and appendages	250
Printing and advertising	350
Books, stationery and supplies	1,000
Delinquent, double and erroneous taxes	1,000
Commissions	1,000
Commencement exercises	500
Census and enumeration of youth	500
Ratified taxes	100
Miscellaneous	1,000
Total	\$76,350

Union school—\$28,000
Architect's commissions unpaid—100
Delinquent, double and erroneous taxes—1,100
Commissions—1,100
Total—\$27,300

SALARIES	\$1,980
New books	1,250
Rent	700
Papers, periodicals and magazines	250
Local	200
Local papers	80
Binding	250
Printing and advertising	350
Cleaning	50
Ice	25
Commissions	125
Double and erroneous taxes	15
Pens, ink and sundries	100
Total	\$4,880

The valuation of real and personal property as returned for city taxation will amount to about \$22,000,000.

The school fund portion of the state distributable fund will be \$13,217.52.

In order to meet the approximated expenditures on the school fund it was found necessary to levy 30 cents on each \$100; in order to meet the expenditures on the building fund, the levy was made 14 cents, and on the library fund, 3 cents.

THE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

The superintendent's report for June was received and filed, as follows:

SCHOOLS	Enrollment for the month	Average Daily Attendance	Per Cent of Attendance for month	Per Cent of Pupils Enrolled Since Sept. 1	No. Cases of Truancy	No. Perfect in Attendance	Amount Paid for Instruction
Washington	474	409	86	91	738	36	1396
Madison	655	579	88	96	788	23	339
Clay	506	440	86	90	756	31	354
Union	444	384	86	92	842	18	718
Centre	492	329	66	66	14	107	765
Webster	609	466	76	90	838	22	119
Ritchie	734	671	91	91	1156	29	194
Lincoln	152	116	76	91	179	19	51
Total	4007	3294	82	91	5777	181	1200

In the German department the enrollment of pupils was 400, of whom 238 were of German parentage and 161 not of German parentage.

For instruction \$195 was paid. The reports of the census enumerators of the census were ready, but were not brought up. They will be discussed at the next meeting. They are given below:

	1892.	1891.	Decrease.	Percentage.
First ward	4,006	4,774	768	16
Second ward	3,944	4,291	347	8
Third ward	3,129	3,837	708	18
Fourth ward	4,625	3,654	971	26
Fifth ward	2,654	3,095	441	14
Sixth ward	6,619	6,754	135	2
Seventh ward	3,209	4,174	965	23
Eighth ward	5,748	6,162	414	6
Total	35,725	37,595	1,870	5

Total decrease in 1892 as compared with 1891, 1,780.

There is evidently something wrong somewhere. Either the enumerators made a mistake last year, or an error was made this year. There have been no epidemics or removals of manufacturing concerns to account for the decrease. The city has had a steady growth, and an increase should have been reported, unless the enumerators last year duplicated names or listed some people who didn't exist.

A MINORITY REPORT

Offered by One of the Ritchie County Commissioners—All About the Principals.

The recommendations of the commissioners of all but one of the schools passed the board without opposition, and their appointments of principals and teachers were approved. The one exception was Ritchie school, and a lively discussion was carried on. When the report of Commissioners Pipes and Eschtruth was read, Commissioner Schultz offered a minority report. Dr. Pipes and Mr. Eschtruth wanted the present principal, Miss Decie L. Hamilton, to remain, and Mr. Schultz wanted Prof. F. H. Crago, the former

principal. The majority report also called for the appointment of Mrs. Eschtruth, wife of Mr. Eschtruth, as janitress of the main school building, and Mr. Schultz's report named Mr. Eschtruth as janitor.

Mr. Jefferson said that a gentleman had told him a delegation of Eighth ward citizens wanted to be heard on the matter, and the consent of the board was obtained. Mr. Cunningham and several other gentlemen filed into the room, and Mr. Cunningham said that four-fifths of the citizens of his ward favored the reinstatement of Prof. Crago.

SOME EXPLANATIONS.

The majority report now came up, and as the eyes and noses were taken, explanations were in order. Dr. Ulrich and Dr. Dickey professed to be impartial, and thought the majority report of the commissioners should be adopted, as was customary. No complaint had been made of Miss Hamilton's conduct of the principalship, and there seemed to be no reason why she should not be reappointed.

"The commissioners of Ritchie district," said Mr. Schultz, in explaining why he could not vote for the majority report, "not last night. Dr. Pipes and I voted for Mr. Eschtruth's wife as janitress. Mr. Eschtruth did not think it proper, that a school commissioner's wife should be appointed to a position of profit, when her husband was one of the board. The doctor and I then agreed to appoint Mr. Eschtruth himself, thinking, of course, that he would resign from the board. He has not resigned, and has signed a report, appointing his own wife as janitress. I can't vote for the report."

Dr. Pipes now took the floor. "In his minority report," said the doctor, "that Mr. Schultz presented, he first left out one of our oldest teachers, and named a

YOUNG LADY RECENTLY GRADUATED.

She is a very nice lady, and I have no objections to her."

President Jepson—"Confine yourself to the janitorship, Doctor, please."

"Well, as Mr. Schultz said, we did agree to give the janitorship to Mr. Eschtruth, but he afterwards said he wouldn't have it, and I told Mr. Schultz this evening that I would vote for the original applicant, Mrs. Eschtruth. The reasons do not concern the board. They might humiliate Mr. Eschtruth, but not in a dishonorable way." The vote was taken, and the majority report declared adopted, Mr. Madick and Mr. Schultz voting no.

MR. MORRIS IS HERE.

He Comes from one of the Banner Republican Counties.

Hon. P. W. Morris, of Ritchie county, who has been widely mentioned in connection with the Republican nomination for governor, is in the city. Talking to an INTELLIGENCER reporter last evening he said that the Republican party is in excellent shape in his county, and is growing constantly and steadily. There is not now a Democratic officer of any sort in the county, which is something that it is doubtful if any other county in the state can claim.

A Big Industry.

John Shriver, the sand dealer, opposes warmly the proposal to make a little park out of the triangular space at the south end of the wharf. He says he is paying the city wharfage for use of that space to store sand. He has a pay roll of about \$600 a week when running full. Without a sand yard he could not furnish sand to mills or for building purposes except in the season when the boat can dig it out, and there is no other place where railroads do not monopolize the river front in Wheeling.

The Chippewa Excursions.

The excursion on the Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling road to Chippewa Lake yesterday was one of the largest in the history of the road. Another one will be run next Thursday from Bellaire, Bridgeport and Martin's Ferry. Excursions are run to Chippewa nearly every day. There are a large number of campers there this year. The Y. M. C. A. boys of Wheeling are enjoying themselves.

NOTES ON NAVIGATION.

Stages of Water and Movements of Boats. The River Interests.

The river was falling last night, with 4 feet 6 inches in the channel.

The reports from above were:

Warren—6 inches; clear and warm.

Brownsville—5 feet and stationary; clear and warm.

There are 38 towboats laid up at Pittsburgh and none will be able to get out again this season.

The C. W. Batchelor did not clear the Pittsburgh wharf until midnight, and will go up from here late.

If the river continues at its present stage it will be impossible for the Cincinnati packets to make their regular trips.

Schedule of steamers for to-day: Congo and Batchelor, for Pittsburgh, 8 a. m.; Scotia for Cincinnati, 8 a. m.; Ben Hur for Parkersburg, 11:30 a. m.

Parties from Charleston, W. Va., are in St. Louis with a view to purchasing the City of Florence for the Cincinnati and Kanawha river trade.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

The Iron Queen will be repainted and decorated both inside and out while here, and show a liberal public that her beauty and comfort are to be kept up.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

My physician said I could not live, my liver out of order, frequently vomited greenish mucus, skin yellow, small dry humors on face, stomach would not retain food. Burdock Blood Bitters cured me. Mrs. Adelaide O'Brien, 372 Exchange street, Buffalo, N. Y. daw

TO REPUBLICANS.

It is part of the Democratic plan to challenge the vote of every Republican who has not been assessed under the new West Virginia election law. Don't let them find you unprepared.

Reinhold's Dyeing Establishment. John Reinhold, proprietor of the Pan Handle Dyeing Establishment, No. 1431 Market street, respectfully announces that he is prepared to do cleaning, dyeing and repairing, and in fact he guarantees to make your last year's clothes look as good as new on short notice. Give him a call.

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THE BIG STEEL COMPANY.

Some Talk about the Plans of the new Combination.

The report of the appraisers of the property of the Benwood, Belmont and Top mills, whose figures are to form the basis of the new issue of stock in the combination of those three companies, to be known as the Wheeling Iron and Steel Company, was presented to the officers of the three companies yesterday. The appraisement is as follows: Top mill, \$66,000; Belmont, \$33,000, and Benwood, \$358,000. This represents a total valuation of nearly \$2,000,000. In arriving at these figures the debts of the companies, their equipments, real estate and capital stock were all taken into consideration.

A meeting of the stockholders has been called for August 4 to perfect the details of the new organization. Directors and officers are to be elected and the future policy of the combination decided upon.

It is stated by people who ought to know that among the changes introduced by the new management will be the erection of a beam mill at the Benwood mill, and also the building of a new blast furnace there north of the old mill factory. The company owns a large tract of real estate unoccupied by any works there.

Improving Benwood Facilities.

The new bell weld furnace at the Riverside tube works is completed. The bricklayers got through yesterday and left for Pittsburgh.

The new crane at the Wheeling steel plant, which was put up last winter, but owing to the foundation not being strong enough had to be taken down, is being put in position again by a large force of workmen, who are employed in getting the mill in readiness to start as soon as possible. This crane, if it proves a success this time, will take the place of thirteen workmen whom it formerly took to perform the work it does, which is to lift the ingots from the soaking pits and place them on the tables. This in the old way was done by the chargers and drawers, who put the ingots on buggies, which were backed up to the tables by the small engine, and then taken off by the men. Fourteen men were engaged in this work, whereas the work can now be done by one, making a total of thirteen who will be out of employment, and a saving of \$8,500 in wages.

HARRY SMYTH DROWNED.

Sad Tragedy in New Jersey, and a Wheeling Boy the Victim.

Harry Smyth, or Harry Florence, formerly of this city, was drowned at Nutley, N. J., on Tuesday. He went in bathing on that evening, none of his family knowing where he was. His absence for that night caused much uneasiness. In the morning his body was found in the water.

He was a son of the late R. J. Smyth, of this city, and was in his twenty-eighth year. He was married four years ago to a young English lady, and his wife survives him, with two children, one two years old and the other an infant.

Mr. Smyth had decided musical talent, which attracted the attention of Clark, the cotton thread manufacturer, who sent him to Europe to be educated in music. He was known there as Harry Florence.

He was living in a country home, on the premises being a pond, and it was in this pond that he met his death.

THE COLORED REPUBLICANS.

Their Club Meets and Arranges for a Marching Club.

There was a well attended meeting of the colored Republican club in the Second ward market hall last evening, the president, Henry Allensworth, in the chair. The secretary, G. W. Brunswick, tendered his resignation, which was accepted, and Green B. Jefferson was elected in his place.

It was decided at the meeting next Thursday evening, in the same hall, to elect officers for a marching organization, and it is hoped that on that occasion there will be a large attendance. Every colored voter in Ohio county is eligible to membership in the club, and all of them, young, old or middle aged, are urgently invited to turn out and swell the crowd.

Good speakers will be present, and no effort will be spared to make it worth the time of every colored voter to be present.

The United States Baking Company, in response to the request of the Builders Exchange, that the plans and specifications for the new Wheeling Bakery be sent here in order that they could examine them and submit their bids, yesterday forwarded the drawings and papers to Mr. Howard Brenneman, their manager in Wheeling. They will be on exhibition this morning in the rooms of the Builders' Exchange. Bids close Tuesday, July 26, at the office of Mr. Andrew Peoples, Architect, Schmidt & Friday Building, No. 95 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. The company reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and also to inquire into the responsibility of all sub-contractors.

WHEELING, July 21, 1892.

To Bennett H. Gilbert, Superintendent.

I wish to express my thanks to the Equitable Endowment Association, branch office, No. 30 Twelfth street, for their promptness in the payment of the claim, \$125.50, due me by the death of my mother, Catherine Becker. This is the second claim we have received from your hands, and without the slightest trouble on our part. I can, without hesitation, recommend your company to anyone desiring insurance that will be promptly paid when most needed.

Respectfully,
AUSTIN BECKER,
No. 33 Thirty-seventh Street.

IF THE ASSESSOR has omitted to assess you, see to it that you are listed. You will be deprived of your vote in November if your name is not on the assessor's book.

DIED.

SMYTH—At Nutley, N. J., on Tuesday, July 19, 1892, T. HARRY, son of Mrs. Anna M. and the late R. J. Smyth, in the 28th year of his age.

ZIMMER—On Thursday, July 7, 1892, at 7:40 p. m., LOUISA ZIMMER, wife of Albert Zimmer, in the 24th year of her age.

Funeral notice hereafter.

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